PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Ad-hoc appointment of Chairman, Khadi and Village Industries Commission

3709. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are aware that the Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission is on ad-hoc appointment from the very beginning and still not confirmed;

(b) if so, what is the reason therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the nine Deputy Chief Officers have been appointed on ad-hoc basis during the tenure of an ad-hoc Chairman;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a Joint Chief Executive retired on 30th November, 1992 and this vacancy was filled on the very next day without approval of Government and the recommendation of UPSC; and

(c) if so, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of the above, does not arise.

(c) Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) intimated the Government during the month of October, 1991 that nine persons were appointed as Deputy Chief Executive Officers on an ad-hoc basis.

(d) KVIC have informed that consequent on the retirement of Shri C.V. Prabhakaran as Joint Chief Executive Officer, KVIC on 30.11.92, the Senior most Deputy Chief Executive Officer was appointed as Joint Chief Executive Officer with effect from 1.12.1992, pending Government's approval.

(c) In view of the reply at (d), this does not arise.

Cancellation of orders for Charkhas by KVIC

3710. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Khadi and Villages Industries Commission placed an order for 2500 charkhas on the Sharad Shanti Welfare Centre on 12th September, 1991 and did not lift Charkhas manufactured with KVIC owned Ambar Saranjan Bhandar spare parts vide Challan No. 36441/43;

(b) whether KVIC advised Khadi Board Maharashtra to lift 200 Charkhas from Sharad Shanti Welfare Centre and cancelled the whole order; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether on 19th September 1992 vide letter No. IND/kh/Charkha/155/71347, Khadi Board Maharashtra advised KVIC to implement Mahatma Gandhi's Khadi programme through Sharad Shanti Welfare Centre of Maharashtra in various Districts providing continuous employment to the people affected by drought for which massive Charkha supply programme was agreed to by KVIC for 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO & RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.